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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

DO NOT EVEN THINK of letting the big players like Comcast rule this market. Those of us who do not live in big cities depend on our local provider for WAY better service at WAY better prices than the huge mega-providers ever provided. The local competition is what keeps our life going out here, especially when we are a "GO LOCAL" community whose business/moral imperative is to support local businesses who provide jobs for so many in our community.

The giant corporations are nowhere near as responsive to our specific needs, and WE. WANT. CHOICE. We do not want to pay the prices that Comcast et al charges.

I am utterly dependent on broadband to run my at-home business. If I had to switch to a national corporate provider, I would be so screwed. I can't afford them and I do not like what they have to offer. My local provider is much more responsive to all of my needs, since they are completely based locally -- they know what the local issues are and what we need out here. When I had Comcast service, I was paying almost twice as much, for much less quality of service. Comcast assumes that one-size-fits-all, whereas my local provider gives me exactly what I want at a lower cost.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do NOT vote in favor of the big giants. Monopolies have always been a problem for the U.S., and for us, the helpless consumers. NO ONE (except the giant corporations) benefits if you restrict local competition.

Don't you value a FREE MARKET?!!! Then give us one, and let local competition thrive. WE. NEED. LOCAL. Comcast can't give us that. Please don't help them. Help our local providers keep providing us the service we love.

THANK YOU for your consideration.  
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